



CCFAC NEWS

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A Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) publication prepared periodically to inform the public of the programs and activities of Fairfax County's **Consolidated Plan** which includes the Consolidated Community Funding Pool process.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) depends on the input from community and non-profit organizations to help guide implementation of the Consolidated Plan process and evaluate its effectiveness. To that end, we greatly appreciate the input received from speakers who attended the public hearing on November 13. The purpose of that hearing was to obtain feedback on the Consolidated Plan performance and needs in the areas of housing and community development, fair housing, and homeless and other community services. We encouraged Testimony to address changes observed over the past year in gaps in services, service trends and community needs, especially since September 11.

Overall, many respondents felt that needs are growing in every area of human services, but resources are not keeping up. The CCFAC received information about the gaps in services for low-income people, including testimony regarding:

- lack of job training in skill sets other than office administration or computer;
- mental health services, especially for poor, uninsured and immigrant populations;
- lack of affordable housing; and
- lack of accessible affordable housing for people with disabilities.

Speakers also noted that for non-profit housing development organizations to be successful in a very competitive complex and fast-moving Fairfax County real estate market, those organizations need a broader level of support for their operations.



There will be other opportunities for the public to comment on the Consolidated Plan process and proposed use of funds for fiscal year 2003. I hope that our partners and customers will take these opportunities to let us know whether the Consolidated Plan continues to be relevant to the identified needs of the community.

Finally, while facing the flurry of activity around the One-Year Plan and the Consolidated Community Funding Pool selection processes underway, we want to remember to extend to all our best wishes for a safe and peaceful New Year.

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Consolidated Community Funding Pool News

The FY 2003-2004 funding cycle for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) is in full swing. The Request for Proposals was issued on October 5, 2001. Notifications were mailed to over 400 community-based organizations and approximately 55 organizations attended the pre-proposal conference held on Friday, October 26, which was also broadcast on Channel 16.

By the due date of December 12, 135 proposals had been received from 87 organizations. Staff responded to input from the community groups and from the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) by streamlining the proposal-



submission process for the providers and will attempt to do the same for the Technical and Selection Advisory Committees as they gear up for this next round of proposal review and awards.

Approximately \$8 million will be available to support the six funding priorities for each of the two fiscal years, subject to approval of the Board of Supervisors through their annual budget action in April.

Helpful Web Site for Non-Profits

Below is an Internet website that may be helpful to your non-profit organization. This website link is for Local Initiative Support Corporation's (LISC) "Experts Online", an interactive forum for professional discussion among industry experts, as well as national and local practitioners. LISC provides these events free of charge as a support and training service to community development practitioners nationwide. Participants hear the expert(s) speak, view the corresponding slide or website presentation in real time, pose written questions to the speaker(s) and exchange ideas and experience with other participants during the event. To find out more about Experts Online, see the overview (<http://www.liscnet.org/resources/experts/how.shtml>) and frequently asked questions (FAQs) (<http://www.liscnet.org/resources/experts/faq.shtml>).

Back Again-A Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan

Although it seems as though we just finished the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2002, the process has begun to draft the FY 2003 plan. A One-Year Action Plan is required for each of the five years of the FY 2001—2005 Consolidated Plan, which was approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in May 2000. The One-Year Action Plan For FY 2003 covers the period July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. It will contain a description of how Fairfax County intends to utilize FY 2003 funds for the programs included in the Consolidated Plan to meet the needs identified in that five-year plan. The CCFAC conducted a public hearing in November on community needs in the areas of housing and community development, homeless services, and other public services.

Previously, a large portion of the funding for the One-Year Action Plan had been under the purview of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) for housing and community development projects and more recently revitalization activities. Consequently, a Working Advisory Group, was formed this year, made up of members of both the CCFAC and the FCRHA to develop FY 2003 funding recommendations for separate consideration and approval by the FCRHA and the CCFAC. The recommendations can be incorporated into a Proposed Plan, which will be submitted by the CCFAC for public comment and to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

This complex process will be occurring over the next few months as follows:

- The CCFAC will release the draft Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003 in January 15, 2002 for a formal 30-day comment period.
- The draft Action Plan will be revised based on comments received from the public.
- The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the Action Plan for FY 2003 on February 11, 2002. (See last page).
- In March the CCFAC will review the comments received from the Board's public hearing, and revisions will be made to the Action Plan as necessary.
- In April the Board of Supervisors will approve the FY 2003 awards for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool along with the Consolidated Plan One-Year Action Plan for FY 2003.

If you would like information on the Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan process for FY 2003, please call Hyatt Simpson in the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703/246-5069.

Making Housing Affordable Conference: Tools for Faith-Based Community March 14, 2002

The Making Housing Affordable conference has been designed for faith-based communities, large and small, who are interested in learning about successful programs they can replicate to expand affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate income families, as well as the elderly, and people with disabilities. Sample workshop topics include: 1) Model Programs Developing Housing for Persons with Disabilities; 2) How to Offer Support Services for Families in Transitional Housing, Permanent Affordable Housing, or Group Homes; 3) Partnering with Non-Profits to Produce Affordable Housing; 4) Effective Advocacy for Affordable Housing; and 5) Individual Opportunities for Service in Community--Based Programs Developing Affordable Housing.



Registration Packets for the March 14, 2002 conference Making Housing Affordable: Tools for Faith Based Communities will be mailed out in January 2002. For more information or to be included in the mailing list, call the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office at 703/ 324-3453 or email

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holly.prymak@co.fairfax.va.us. The Conference will be held at the St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, Virginia from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action, a coalition of faith congregations, faith-based and community-based non-profits and County human service agencies, is coordinating this March 14, 2002 conference. Conference sponsors include Chevy Chase Bank, Fannie Mae Northern Virginia Office of Partnerships, Housing Association of Non-Profit Developers (HAND), (HUD), Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development and the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services.

Woodley Hills Laptop Computer Project

An innovative demonstration project of the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) has helped low-income students at Woodley Hills Elementary School and their families-breach the “digital divide.” This first-of-its-kind collaborative project combines the resources of government, community and business to stretch Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to make wireless laptop computers available at home and at school for 5th graders. As a result, students’ sense of satisfaction and self-esteem has improved, as have their Standards of Learning (SOL) scores and students’ and parents’ computer skills. The program is a recipient of a U.S. Department of Education Community Technology Centers grant, and this year will expand to include all three 5th grade classes, as well as English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) students in the fourth and sixth grade classes at Woodley Hills. CAAB Chair, Carol Hawn and the Department of Family Services (DFS) staff recently presented this program, now considered a national model, at the National Association of Community Action Agencies (NACAA) conference in Kansas City.

For additional information about this program, please contact Kevin Filbey Fairfax County Department of Family Services at 703/ 846-8607.



2000 Fairfax-Falls Church Community Assessment Data

In the fall of 2000, a Community Assessment was conducted jointly by Fairfax County, the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, and the Fairfax-Falls Church United Way to gather information about people in our community and to assist in human services planning. The survey was mailed to 11,200 households in the two cities and the County and 6,859 households (63%) responded.

Two fact sheets reporting data from the survey were released in November 2001 and four more were released in December 2001. These fact sheets include: General Overview, Poverty Status Data, Persons 65 Years and Older, Persons with Disabilities, Children 18 Years and Younger, and Language Spoken at Home. Additional releases of facts sheets data will be released in January. The current fact sheets are on the web at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/comm/demogrph/assessment.htm>.

Fairfax Cares Initiative

Fairfax Cares is an expanding collaborative of school and county agencies, businesses, and faith, and civic communities, whose goal is to inform and educate citizens about the results of the “Communities That Care Youth Survey” released on May 30, 2001. That survey reports important data on our youths’ experiences with – and attitudes toward – drug and alcohol abuse, mental health, depression, violence, bullying, aggression, use of time, and their families and communities.

Fairfax Cares is facilitating distribution of a video to stimulate discussion in 200 neighborhoods. It is also updating resource materials to be made available to families and others interested in youth, and is encouraging volunteer involvement to build community assets for youth and to promote positive youth development. The report is available at: <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us/comm/demogrph/pdf/youthreport.pdf>.

*The CCFAC is supported by an interagency team from the Department of Administration for Human Services, the Department of Family Services, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of Systems Management for Human Services. For additional information about this publication or the **Consolidated Plan**, please contact the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development at (703) 246-5170, TTY:(803) 385-3578. Address any written comments to CCFAC, c/o Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.*



Public Hearing On
The Proposed Consolidated Plan
One Year Action Plan for FY
2003

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 11, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, on the *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003*.

The *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003* identifies the proposed use of funds for the four federal programs included in the Consolidated Plan. These programs are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003* also includes the first year of the two-year funding cycle for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP) for FY 2003-2004. It identifies funding to be made available to nonprofit organizations that are recommended for awards. The awards are based on the recommendations from the Selection Advisory Committee appointed to review the proposals received through the competitive CCFP solicitation process for FY 2003-2004.

In addition, the *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003* identifies: (1) various public and private resources available for housing and community development activities; (2) the goals and objectives for the Five Year Consolidated Plan; and (3) the FY 2003-2004 CCFP funding priorities approved by the Board of Supervisors on July 23, 2001.

Citizens are also invited to express their views on housing, community development, and community service needs and fair housing issues in Fairfax County, as well as comment on Fairfax County's community development performance. The public is encouraged to provide information concerning changes since the last Board public hearing in February 2001 on: (1) gaps in services, and (2) changes in service trends and community needs in the past year, including any changes since September 11, 2001.

Copies of the *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003* are available for review, in all Fairfax County Public Libraries, and at the Citizen Information Desk located on the lobby level of the Government Center. Copies may be obtained at the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. All of the above mentioned locations are accessible to persons with handicaps.

Citizens wishing to comment on the *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003* may do so by testifying in person at the public hearing on February 11, 2002, or by writing to Hyatt Simpson, Community Program Coordinator, at the Department of Housing and Community Development, 3700 Pender Drive, Suite 300, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

All persons wishing to testify may register in advance by calling the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151 (TDD 703-324-3903). To assist persons with hearing impairments, a sign language and/or oral interpreter will be made available upon request with five days advance notice. The deadline for receipt of written comments on the *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003* will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 15, 2002.

For additional information or if you would like a copy of the *Proposed Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan for FY 2003*, contact the Department of Housing and Community Development at 703-246-5170.

EEO
(Equal Employment Opportunity)



Calendar Notes

February

**February 12, 2002---CCFAC meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
Government Center, Rooms 9/10**

March

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Government Center, Rooms 9/10**

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8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,
St. Matthews United Methodist Church
8617 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, Virginia 22003**

April

**April 9, 2002---CCFAC meeting, 7:30 p.m.,
Government Center, Rooms 9/10**

CCFAC:

**The 2001 Rental Housing Complex Census
Analysis Revealed an average rent in Fairfax
County of \$1,129, an increase of 14.2% over
2000, and of nearly 33% since 1998. A copy can
be obtained at [http://www.fairfax.va.us/comm/
demogrph/rentpdf.htm](http://www.fairfax.va.us/comm/demogrph/rentpdf.htm).**